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The reply filed on 28 July 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants failed to elect an invention from among those recited in Groups I-IV of the previous Office action, as well as to elect a particular species (i.e., a particular disease/condition), as required therein. With respect to the newly recited product claims, please note that claim 72 does not reasonably read upon an herbal extract - i.e., a single isolated compound obtained from a plant extract is different and distinct from a plant extract, per se. Accordingly, with respect to the newly recited product claims, Applicants must elect either a plant extract (Group I - as fully set forth in the previous Office action) or a single isolated compound (Group II - as fully set forth in the previous Office action). Applicants must also state which claims read upon their elected invention. For the record, it should also be noted that in the newly recited claims (claims 60-72 - as drafted), the extract product and single compound obtained therefrom are poorly defined in comparison to the manner in which they were defined in original claims (1-59). To hasten prosecution (and to help avoid an additional Restriction requirement), it is strongly suggested that the language recited in the original claims (i.e., product-by-process claims that include the particular working parameter steps originally claimed) be used instead of language used in the newly recited claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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